

Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000
Public Law 106-393
Title II Project Application
Medford District Resource Advisory Committee

1. Project Number (Assigned by federal unit): **110-03-07**_____

2. Project Name: Youth - To - Work

3. County: Josephine

4. Project Sponsor: Brent Lee - The Job Council, Dick Hanlin - The Rogue Valley Boys and Girls Club, Katie Wetzel-Medford District-Bureau of Land Management

5. Date: May 1, 2002

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8. Project Location: Josephine County-wide

a. 4th Field Watershed Name and HUC #(if known): 17100310 Lower Rogue

b. 5th Field Watershed Name and HUC #(if known): 1710031003 Grave Creek

c. Legal Location:

Josephine County

d. BLM District: **Medford**

e. BLM Resource Area: **Glendale**

f. National Forest _____

g. Forest Service District _____

h. State / Private / Other lands involved? ☒ **Yes (explain)** ___ **No**

The purpose of this proposal is to assist organizations with youth work experience programs to transport youth to work sites on County, State, and Federal lands to perform work that would not otherwise be done due to limiting agency budgets. These work crews would be involved in recreation area maintenance, trail maintenance and construction, riparian restoration, wildlife habitat enhancement, biological studies, and historical facilities maintenance.

This proposal, through a formal cooperative agreement, will be to reimburse both The Job Council and the Rogue Valley Boys and Girls Club for expenses incurred by them to lease and insure vehicles for the transport of youth work crews to work sites in the woods and on other public lands.

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9. Statement of Project Goals and Objectives:

- * To provide young adults in rural Josephine County communities access to employment opportunities on public lands by providing transportation to The Job Council and the Rogue Valley Boys and Girls Club youth work crews.
- * To provide youth ages 16-21 with forest-related career development opportunities.
- * To promote innovative cooperative partnerships with people who use and care for public lands.
- * To create increased knowledge and appreciation of forest eco-systems.

10. Project Description:

Concept: In a unique and innovative partnership the BLM, The Job Council, and the Rogue Valley Boys and Girls Club proposes to solve current issues involving workloads on public lands and employment issues for young adults in rural Josephine County. Currently there is an almost endless workload on public lands that, due to limited budgets, are not getting accomplished. Accompanying this, is the large number of young adults in rural areas of Josephine County that have little access to employment opportunities. The greatest difficulty in implementing programs for youth to work on public lands is the lack of transportation for the youth to get from their communities to the work site in the forest.

To address these issues the BLM is proposing to reimburse The Job Council and the Rogue Valley Boys and Girls Club for the expenses incurred for the lease of two twelve passenger vans and related insurance on the vehicles. These two vehicles will be dedicated to transporting work-experience youth from the Boys and Girls Club and The Job Council to work-sites on federal lands, as well as other public lands, and to transport these youth to work related training sessions. These work crews would be involved in annual recreation area maintenance, trail maintenance and construction, riparian restoration, wildlife habitat enhancement, biological studies, and historical facilities maintenance on Federal, State, and County lands.

The Job Council and the Boys and Girls Club have been providing services to young adults in Josephine County for more than twenty years. Each of these organizations have the capabilities of providing career and employment training to young adults as well as providing materials and supervision for these youth. They have been very successful in assisting young adults from poverty stricken rural Josephine County to obtain job readiness skills and employment. Since the rural areas of Josephine County are surrounded by forest lands, and considering the numerous job opportunities available on these lands, this type of hands-on career training is imperative to the future of these struggling youth.

One van will be leased by the Boys and Girls Club and the other will be leased by The Job Council. Both of these entities are formal non-profit organizations and have been working in partnership with the BLM for many years. Currently the Boys and Girls Club has 400 youth in Josephine County who are

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enrolled in a forest-related, career oriented, program and The Job Council has an additional 30 young adults also enrolled in a forest-related/work experience, career program.

11. Coordination of this project with other related project(s) on adjacent lands?

 X Yes No If yes, then describe.

The purpose of this proposal is to assist organizations with youth work experience programs to transport youth to work sites on County, State, and Federal lands to perform work that would not otherwise be done due to limiting agency budgets. Coordination between these agencies and organizations will be on-going. The youth will be working at County Parks, State Parks, and on BLM lands. Work plans will be generated by each agency then coordinated with the work crew supervisors for The Job Council and the Rogue Valley Boys and Girls Club. The Job Council and the Boys and Girls Club organizations will provide the crew supervision, employee and auto insurances, crew training, administration, and transportation. These work crews would be involved in recreation area maintenance, trail maintenance and construction, riparian restoration, wildlife habitat enhancement, biological studies, and historical facilities maintenance on public lands.

12. How does proposed project meet purposes of the Legislation? [Sec. 203(b)(1)]

- X Improves maintenance of existing infrastructure. [Sec. 2(b)]
- X Implements stewardship objectives that enhance forest ecosystems. [Sec. 2(b)]
- X Restores and improves land health. [Sec. 2(b)]
- X Restores water quality. [Sec. 2(b)]

13. Project Type (check one) [Sec. 203(b)(1)]

- Road Maintenance [Sec. 2(b)(2)(A)]
- X Trail Maintenance [Sec. 2(b)(2)(A)]
- Road Decommission/Obliteration [Sec. 2(b)(2)(A)]
- Trail Obliteration [Sec. 2(b)(2)(A)]
- X Other Infrastructure Maintenance (specify): [Sec. 2(b)(2)(A)]
- Soil Productivity Improvement [Sec. 2(b)(2)(B)]
- X Forest Health Improvement [Sec. 2(b)(2)(C)]
- X Watershed Restoration & Mntc. [Sec. 2(b)(2)(D)]
- X Wildlife Habitat Restoration [Sec. 2(b)(2)(E)]
- X Fish Habitat Restoration [Sec. 2(b)(2)(E)]
- X Control of Noxious Weeds [Sec. 2(b)(2)(F)]
- Reestablish Native Species [Sec. 2(b)(2)(G)]
- X Other Project Type (specify) [Sec. 2(b)(2)]: Historic Facilities Maintenance and Recreation Area Maintenance and Upgrades.

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14. Measure of Project Accomplishments/Expected Outcomes [Sec. 203(b)(5)]

- a. Total Acres: _____
- b. Total Miles: _____
- c. Number of Structures: _____
- d. Estimated People Reached (for environmental education projects): _____
- e. Number of Laborer Days: _____
- f. Other (specify): **The reimbursement of the lease for these vehicles will allow The Job Council and the Rogue Valley Boys and Girls Club to provide years of annual manual labor to public lands. It is not possible to estimate the number of miles/acres/structures that will be accomplished but it will be in the hundreds.**

15. Duration of Project and Estimated Completion Date [Sec. 203(b)(2)]:

It is expected that this project will be funded through Title II each year for the duration of the funding availability therefore this project will begin in the summer of 2002 and end in the fall of 2006.

16. Target Species Benefitted (if applicable) : N/A

17. How will cooperative relationships among people that use federal lands be improved? [Sec. 2(b)(3)]

It is our belief that the young adults assisted in these programs will become knowledgeable of public land management practices, and in return, become stewards of our public lands. These young adults will share their new knowledge with their communities which we believe will foster a community-wide ownership for caring for public lands.

18. How is this project in the best public interest? [Sec. 203(b)(7)] Identify benefits to communities?

The poverty stricken rural communities of Josephine County, such as Wolf Creek, Sunny Valley and the Illinois Valley, lack public transportation systems and diverse employment opportunities. Often the young adults in these communities suffer greatly from these issues and often give up on trying to plan careers rarely succeeding in gaining permanent employment. The forest-related work experience and career development programs offered by The Job Council and the Rogue Valley Boys and Girls Clubs can make the difference in these youth's lives. These programs have proven to be highly successful in serving the young adults in our rural communities often making the difference between a life of poverty and a healthy life with job securities.

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Josephine Counties rural communities will benefit greatly from this proposal which will provide transportation for young adults to work sites on public lands and to career training opportunities. Some of the benefits include an increase in economic stability in these communities due to this program assisting in creating an employable workforce and outcomes from this program fostering more positive relationships between the residents of our rural communities and public land management agencies.

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19. How does project benefit federal lands/resources?

Benefits to public lands and resources will be innumerable. Work that typically cannot be accomplished due to limited annual budgets will be accomplished through these programs. Each summer, and occasionally throughout the rest of the year, crews of these young adults will perform very important work benefitting both the general public and the natural resources on public lands.

20. Status of Project Planning:

- a. NEPA Complete: ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable
- b. Estimated date of completion: _____
- c. NMFS Sec. 7 ESA Consultation Complete: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ Not Applicable
- d. USFWS Sec. 7 ESA Consultation Complete: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ Not Applicable
- e. Survey & Manage Complete: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ Not Applicable
- f. DSL/ODFW* Permits Obtained: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ Not Applicable
- g. DLS/COE* 404 Fill/Removal Permit Obtained: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ Not Applicable
- h. SHPO* Concurrence Received: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ Not Applicable
- i. Project Design(s) Completed: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ Not Applicable

21. Proposed Method(s) of Accomplishment

- ☐ Contract
- ☐ Federal Workforce
- ☐ County Workforce
- ☒ Volunteers

X Other (specify): Cooperative agreements between The Job Council, the Rogue Valley Boys and Girls Club, and the Bureau of Land Management which will allow young adult work crews to work on public lands for the greater good of the youth and public land management agencies.

22. Will the Project Generate Merchantable Materials? (Sec. 204(e)(3))

☐ Yes ☒ No

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23. Anticipated Project Costs [Sec. 203(b)(3)]

- a. Total County Title II Funds Requested: **\$ 10,500**
- b. Is this a multi-year funding request? X Yes No If yes, then display by fiscal year
- c. FY02 Request: \$ f. FY05 Request: \$ 10,500
- d. FY03 Request: \$ 10,500 g. FY06 Request: \$ 10,500
- e. FY04 Request: \$ 10,500

Item	Fed. Agency Appropriated Contribution [Sec. 203(b)(4)]	Requested County Title II Contribution [Sec. 203(b)(4)]	Other Contributions [Sec. 203(b)(4)]	Total Available Funds
24. Field Work & Site Surveys				
25. NEPA & Sec.7 ESA Consultation				
26. Permit Acquisition				
27. Project Design & Engineering				
28. Contract Preparation				
29. Contract Administration	\$4,000	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$7,000
30. Contract Cost				
31. Workforce Cost			\$25,000	\$25,000
32. Materials & Supplies	\$2,500		\$10,000	\$12,500
33. Monitoring				
34. Other: Cooperative Agreement to reimburse partners for lease of vehicles and related expenses including gasoline and auto insurance.		\$8,000		\$8,000
35. Project Subtotal	\$6,500	\$9,500	\$36,500	\$52,500
36. Indirect Costs (Overhead) (per year for multiple year projects)		\$1,000		\$1,000
37. Total Cost Estimate	\$6,500	\$10,500	\$36,500	\$53,500

38. Identify Source(s) of Other Funding in Column C. Above [Sec. 203(b)(4)]

Other contributions include administrative, supervisory, and training time provided by The Job Council and the Rogue Valley Boys and Girls Club. These two entities will contribute endless hours in training and supervising the young adults in the work crews who will be providing a workforce on public lands from 2003 - 2006.

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39. Monitoring Plan (Sec.203(b)(6)) What measures or evaluations will be made to determine how well the proposed project meets the desired ecological conditions? [Sec. 203(b)(6)] Who will be responsible for this monitoring item?

All work performed by these youth crews on public lands will be planned and supervised by agency personnel ensuring all work meets desired ecological conditions. Each work crew will be monitored by either The Job Council or the Rogue Valley Boys and Girls Club through their on-going monitoring process.

1. **How will the project be evaluated to determine how well the proposed project contributes towards local employment and/or training opportunities, including summer youth jobs programs such as the Youth Conservation Corps?** [Sec. 203(b)(6)] Who will be responsible for this monitoring item?

The Job Council and the Rogue Valley Boys and Girls Club have been working with youth in Josephine County for more than twenty years. These programs are renowned for their ability to provide employment skills training and work experience programs for young adults in rural communities. Hundreds of youth in Josephine County will benefit from this single contribution this proposal is requesting. The purchase of two vehicles will enable these organizations to transport young adults to work sites on public lands for years to come.

2. **What methods and measures of evaluation will be established to determine how well the proposed project improves the use of, or added value to, any products removed from National Forest System lands consistent with the purposes of this Act?** [Sec. 203(b)(6) and Sec. 204(e)(3)] Who will be responsible for this monitoring item?

N/A

3. **Identify total funding needed to carry out specified monitoring tasks (Table 1, Item 33)**

Amount: __ \$ -0- _____

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Helping hands from a local Youth Work Crew